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For: COMPOSITE ARTICLE HAVING THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER REGION ON THERMOPLASTIC SUBSTRATE

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- U.S. Patent No. 5,316,132 corresponds to EP 521245 (which is in German).
- U.S. Patent No. 5,637,407 corresponds to EP 656388 (which is in French)

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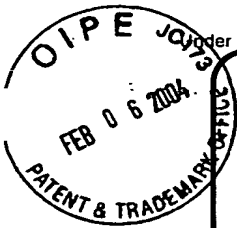
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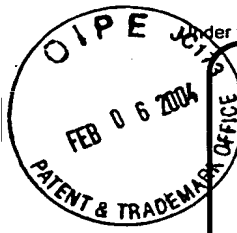
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